

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM OF ISRAEL

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I) FRENCH VICTIMS.

("Mivrak", 29.8.48.)

The blood of the two French officers, murdered in Gaza, is but a drop in the vast ocean of French blood shed in the two World Wars and there is a definite prospect of more to be shed in the World War III. There is a common cause underlying all these French blood-lettings - they are sacrificial offerings of France on the altar of restriction of her independence and her submission to the British Imperialism in the past and the combined Anglo-Saxon Imperialism in future.

In sending observers to Eretz-Israel France has apparently been fulfilling her duties towards the U.N.O., as in the past two wars, while fighting side by side with Britain, she apparently was defending her own freedom. But somehow others have invariably profited by French blood.

It cannot be a mere coincidence that from each war the victorious France emerged a loser. She lost heavily in colonies, economy, independence. Those who pull the strings of the world politics have always known how to exploit to their advantage the French patriotism and the fighting spirit of French soldiers.

France and the French observers here should ask themselves to-day this question: Why should French blood be shed in Eretz-Israel? For whose benefit? For what cause?

With French hands Devin and Marshall are trying to remove red-hot Communist coals from the soil of Europe and Jewish coals from Eretz-Israel.

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Why should French lives be sacrificed? To save Arabs from defeat? - For that is the real and only task of Bernadotte and Lundstroem! Those who object to performing it are likely to share the fate of the U. S. consul in Jerusalem and the French Lt. Colonel in Gaza. There was some interesting evidence as to the identity of the American consul's real assassins. Will it be material if the evidence collected at Gaza will prove the assassins to have been authentic Arabs? Not much, as it is only too well known under whose orders they are and who had given them arms and ammunition. At any rate there is no doubt who will reap the results of Arab victories (if any). It certainly will not be France, it will be again the same country that for several decades has been reaping the results of victories bought at the price of French blood.

That in this case French officers were murdered by Arabs is immaterial. Accidentally or otherwise French observers may suffer the same fate at the hand of Jews if they happen to come to some place or fulfil a duty contrary to the interests of the Jewish people fighting for its freedom. Not only Arabs have "irregulars", nor have they a monopoly in radio-communications break-downs.

The common feature in all cases is that by taking part in the unseemly game called "Bernadotte's Observers", France does not serve the interests of the peace of the Middle East, nor of the world peace, nor of herself.

While France is about to recognize the independence of Israel, she is well advised to give some thought to the independence of... France. By withdrawing her observers she would spare French blood, serve her own interests and incidentally the interests of peace.

## 2) FACTS AND COMMENTS.

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### Baksh ish.

The appeal to aid Arab refugees has at last found a response in U.S.A. Two American oil companies are reported to have donated \$100,000 each. Considering on one hand the huge profits made by Americans on Arabian oil and the number of refugees and their plight on the other, the donations seem to be neither generous nor adequate. The actual amount spent on the refugees will be even less so. It is a safe guess that only a small fraction of the money (if any at all) will be employed for aiding the unfortunates. The reason for this will be found in the great distance between U.S.A. and the Middle East and an equally great number of go-betweens.

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Nashashibis and Husseinis who will be entrusted with the actual dispensation of largesse, true to their traditions, will not allow such a fat bakshish to slip through their fingers. The American companies, who through fomenting this war bear apart of the responsibility for the refugees' grievous condition, will not be particularly annoyed at that: after all bribing a few notables is always cheaper than bribing masses.

Loyalty to Royal Friend.

The Government of Israel is placing obstacles on the way of the Arab League of National Liberation (Communist), which strives for the implementation of the partition decision. If the Government opposed the partition on the same grounds as we do, no doubt we would unstintingly give our approval to its opposition to the establishment of an Arab state in a part of Eretz-Israel. However, to all intents and purposes the Government is still bound by and loyal to the U.N.O. decisions. Why then the opposition to the Arab Communists? It appears that the ambitious Communist attempt to set up an independent Arab state is frowned upon by Abdullah, who has his own plans in this connection. The Government of Israel, bent on the policy of an ultimate alliance with Abdullah, is careful to defend "His Majesty's" interests.

3) FREEDOM CALLING FREEDOM.

("Mivrak", 29.8.48.)

The French <sup>Consul</sup> in Jerusalem declared that France was ready to grant Israel her recognition on certain conditions. Those mentioned by him were not in the nature of insuperable obstacles. While it may be safely assumed that the Government of Israel will readily comply with them, it cannot, however, be presumed that the points concerned have caused the French Government to hesitate so long. The conditions concern the rights of various cultural institutions, maintained in Eretz Israel by France.

That could not possibly have been the obstacle.

The French Consul's declaration is a sure sign that the Anglo-French relations have deteriorated. The reason France has not recognized us so far lies in her submission to the British lead in foreign policy. M. Bidault was especially noted for the readiness with which he toed Bevin's line.

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The fear of the supposedly common enemy (U.S.S.R.) induced him to capitulate to Bevin. That fear made Mr. Bidault forget the threat of Germany, in whose resurrection Bevin shows a genuine concern, the ousting of France from the Middle East engineered by Britain and British schemes in the North Africa.

Whatever the reasons may be, we can only welcome the change in the French policy. If France pursues an independent course of policy and severs the ties connecting her with the Foreign Office, she will be able to find her own approach to the problems of the Middle East and must recognize the State of Israel. For the bogey of Arab League has been created by Britain for use both against the Jews and the French.

It is a law that the more a nation is independent, the easier it finds a common language with the Jewish people.

Freedom calls to freedom.